



Messiah Lutheran Church

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2023

The word “epiphany” means coming to a new realization or understanding. The Day of Epiphany on January 6th celebrates the Magi coming to worship the Christ Child. The Gospels following this reveal who Christ Child grew to be and help us explore what it means to His followers. The altar and pulpit are dressed in green during Epiphany, a sign of our Christian growth in understanding and perspective.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

For the sake of the world you so love,

forgive us,

that we may be reconciled to one another

for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass

and new things I now declare.”

God’s mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Arise! Shine!

God's light shines upon our path in this New Year!

Arise! Shine!

God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

Arise! Shine!

Nations shall come to God's light

and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.

Blessed is He who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord!

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth!

GATHERING SONG: “*Blessed Be Your Name*”

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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GREETING:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 *Though God's church in Corinth is a quarrelsome congregation with many conflicts, Paul opens his letter to the Corinthians by spotlighting ways God has gifted them through their call and fellowship in Christ.*

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 40:1-5, 9-11

¹I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

²**He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**

³He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴**Happy are those who make
the LORD their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.**

⁵You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.

⁹**I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O LORD.**

¹⁰I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.

¹¹**Do not, O LORD, withhold
your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
keep me safe forever.**

GOSPEL: John 1:29-30, 35-42

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 1st chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking

for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON SONG: *"Here I Am to Worship"*

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Bridge

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Chorus

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
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SERMON: “Come and See!”

Pastor Dave

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth,**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING: “Child of Love” – Special Music by Praise Band

OFFERING PRAYER:

**Living God, in your Son, you have given the world a radiant Light
shining brightly in the darkness! Lead us onward in Light that we may
share your warmth and grace with all people. Let our lives be an
offering of love every day. We pray through Christ, the Light of the
world. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

HOLY COMMUNION

“You Are My All in All” – Special Music by Praise Band

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

**Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of
our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with
shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING SONG: “Lord Reign in Me”

Verse 1

Over all the earth You reign on high
Every mountain stream every sunset sky
But my one request Lord my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again

Chorus

Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't You reign in me again

Verse 2

Over every thought over every word
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord
'Cause You mean more to me
Than any earthly thing
So won't You reign in me again

Chorus

Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't You reign in me again

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DISMISSAL:

L: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **C:** Thanks be to God.

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